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## Consumer Product SAFETY ALERT

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*Under laws administered by CPSC, an estimated 325 million potentially hazardous products have been called back from the marketplace and consumers since 1973 (when CPSC was created). Most of these were voluntarily recalled by manufacturers who established programs to repair or replace the products, or to refund the purchase price.*

### Repair Program Announced For Stomach Exerciser



Some two million "Gut Buster" stomach exercise devices sold nationally by Gut Buster of Canton, Ohio are the subject of a repair program undertaken by the company in cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). The product was sold between October 1986 and June 1987 for a price of \$19.95.

Acting on consumer reports of more than 700 unconfirmed injuries when the exercise spring broke, Gut Buster has developed a method of repairing the device to reduce chances of the spring breaking and injuring users. In some situations, the spring of the "Gut Buster" may be extended too far to withstand the additional stress and could snap. Consumers have allegedly experienced bruises, cuts and lacerations to the face and other

parts of the body.

Consumers should stop using the exercise device and are instructed to call Gut Buster's toll-free number at **1-800-325-7292** to receive the repair kit. Consumers can also write to Gut Buster at 1400 Raff Road, S.W., Canton, Ohio 44750. Step-by-step instructions will explain how to shorten and retie the safety cord that runs the entire inside length of the exercise spring. Consumers not wishing to repair the device should discard the "Gut Buster" so no one else may use it.

To report an unsafe consumer product or a product-related injury, consumers may call the CPSC toll-free hotline at **1-800-638-2772**. A teletypewriter for the hearing impaired is available on **1-800-638-8270**; the Maryland TTY number is **1-800-492-8104**.

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